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TAGS: ASEC, APOU
SUBJ: RECEIPT OF EMPTY PACKAGE VIA UNCLASS POUCH

REF: BUCHAREST 5762

1. RSO HAS CONDUCTED A CURSORY INVESTIGATION ON SUBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. INVESTIGATION CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT FULLY WITHOUT FURTHER INFORMATION FROM BUCHAREST.

2. BACKGROUND: APO MAIL FOR BUCHAREST IS DELIVERED TO THE RPC FRANKFURT BECAUSE OF THE APO DESIGNATION 09757. AT THE RPC, THE MAIL IS SORTED FOR DESIGNATED ADDRESSEE POSTS. PACKAGES ARE NOT INSPECTED FOR VERIFICATION OF CONTENTS OR CORRESPONDING WEIGHT ALLOWANCES. THEY ARE SORTED AND CONSOLIDATED INTO POUCHES. WHEN THE POUCH BAG IS FULL, THE BAG IS CLOSED, WEIGHTED AND TAGGED. THE POUCHES ARE THEN DELIVERED TO EITHER A COMMERCIAL CARRIER (PANAM OR LUFTHANSA) OR ARE DELIVERED TO RHEN MAIN FOR PLACEMENT ON THE SUPPORT FLIGHT. THE POUCH ROOM SUPERVISOR ADVISED RSO THAT PACKAGES ARE NOT CONTROLLED OR INSPECTED UNLESS THEY ARE REGISTERED MAIL. HE THEREFORE OPINED THE PACKAGE HAD PROBABLY BEEN ROUTINELY HANDLED, MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS EMTPY UPON ARRIVAL AT THE RPC FROM THE APO. OR UPON DEPARTURE FROM THE RPC TO BUCHAREST.

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3. RSO BELIEVES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM BUCHAREST MAY HELP RESOLVE WHEN THE ITEM WAS TAKEN:

A. PROVIDE THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE TWO OTHER PACKAGES IN POUCH NO X3-7611. IF THEIR COMBINED WEIGHT WAS 19 KG., THE PACKAGE FOR MR. HALL WAS

EMPTY WHEN IT LEFT FRANKFURT. THE 19 KG WEIGHT WAS LISTED BY THE RP WHEN THEY CLOSED THE POUCH, CONFIRMING THE ITEM WAS TAKEN BEFORE THE POUCH WAS CONSOLIDATED BY THE RPC. IF THE WEIGHT OF THE TWO PACKAGES IS LESS THAN 19 KG., THE ITEM WAS TAKEN SOMETIME AFTER THE POUCH LEFT THE RPC.

B. PLEASE PROVIDE THE BRAND NAME, MODEL AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEM.

C. PLEASE PROVIDE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE CONTAINER FOR THE MISSING ITEM. IF IT WAS A LARGE BOX, IT SHOULD HAVE RAISED THE SUSPICION OF RPC OR OTHER MAIL HANDLERS AS TO WHY IT WAS SO LIGHT. ON THE CONTRARY, A SMALL BOX COULD REASONABLY HAVE BEEN HANDLED ROUTINELY IN SPITE OF A LIGHT WEIGHT.

D. IN PARA. 1 OF REFTTEL YOU INDICATE THE ITEM WAS MAILED "SAM INSURED UNDER REGISTRY NUMBER 108173." IS THIS NUMBER AN INSURANCE NUMBER OR IS THIS A MAIL REGISTRY NUMBER? IF IT IS MERELY AN INSURANCE REGISTRATION, THE MAIL IS NOT HANDLED AS A CONTROLLED ITEM AND HENCE IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR WHEN HANDLED. REGISTERED MAIL RECEIVES SPECIAL HANDLING AND IS ACCOUNTED FOR BY EACH PERSON HANDLING THE ITEM, FACILITATING ANY TRACER ACTION. LEHMANN
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